

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Joint Application of Verizon Communication Inc. ("Verizon") and MCI, Inc. ("MCI") to Transfer Control of MCI's California Utility Subsidiaries to Verizon, which Will Occur Indirectly as a Result of Verizon's Acquisition of MCI.

Application 05-04-020
(Filed April 21, 2005)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING NOTING
ON NOTICE OF INTENT BY GREENLINING INSTITUTE**

This ruling addresses the Notice of Intent to Seek Compensation (NOI) of the Greenlining Institute (Greenlining).

Timeliness of Filing

Pub. Util. Code § 1804(a) (1) provides that an NOI must be filed within 30 days after the prehearing conference. A prehearing conference was held on June 21, 2005, and Greenlining filed this notice on June 30, 2005. In accordance with § 1804(a)(1), Greenlining's NOI is timely filed.

Qualification as a Customer

Greenlining states that it and its individual coalition members represent the interests of those who traditionally have been marginalized or excluded from the public utility process: minority, low-income, inner city, and other vulnerable and underserved communities. Its constituents are purchasers of local and long distance telephone services in California. Greenlining estimates that its members are 75% residential customers and 25% small business customers. Pursuant to

Pub. Util. Code § 1802(b) and Decision 98-04-059, Greenlining has demonstrated that it meets the statutory definition of a customer authorized to claim compensation.

Representation of Underrepresented Interests

Greenlining states that it will represent customer interests that would otherwise be unrepresented or under-represented before the Commission. Greenlining's bylaws authorize it to represent the "interests of low income communities, minorities and residential ratepayers" before regulatory agencies and courts.

Nature and Extent of Participation

To date, Greenlining has participated in the prehearing conference, obtained authority to intervene, and has participated in discovery. Greenlining states that, in particular, it will examine the merged company's proposed customer service programs, with an emphasis on access to affordable advanced technologies by low-income, minority and limited-English speaking customers.

Estimate of Compensation

Pursuant to § 1804(a)(2)(A)(ii), Greenlining submitted a breakdown of the total estimated compensation of \$256,000 that it expects to request, most of it in attorney fees and expert witness fees. This ruling makes no affirmative findings regarding the reasonableness of the total or any component of the estimate.

Significant Financial Hardship

Pursuant to Pub. Util. Code § 1804(a)(2)(B), an intervenor is required to demonstrate financial hardship in their request for a finding of eligibility or at the time it files a request for an award. Greenlining notes that the requisite finding of financial hardship was made within the last year in the April 8, 2005 Administrative Law Judge's Ruling on Notices of Intent to Claim Compensation

in Application 04-12-014. No further showing of hardship is necessary in this proceeding.

IT IS RULED that the Greenlining Institute is eligible to file for an award of intervenor compensation at the conclusion of this proceeding.

Dated August 12, 2005, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ GLEN WALKER

Glen Walker
Administrative Law Judge

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have by mail this day served a true copy of the original attached Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Noting on Notice of Intent by Greenlining Institute on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record.

Dated August 12, 2005, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ FANNIE SID

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N O T I C E

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